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**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**BOARD OF NURSING**  
**Assistance with Self-Administration of Medications**  
**Committee**  
**AWSAM COMMITTEE Minutes**  
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The AWSAM Committee held a meeting on March 24, 2015 at 3:30 P.M. in Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Dover, Delaware.

**PRESENT:** Pam Tyranski, Mary Peterson, Maxine Travis, Sarah Carmody, Yrene Waldron, Vickie Cox (telephone)

**ABSENT:** Sandra Robinson, Ann Blackmore, Alicia Kluger, Agnes Richardson

**GUESTS:** Meg Tallman

**PRESIDING:** Pam Tyranski

**STAFF:** Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Tyranski called the meeting to order at 3:43 pm.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes from January 20, 2015 were reviewed. Ms. Carmody made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Ms. Waldron. By unanimous vote the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Members discussed suggested edits to the draft FAQs and revised as needed. Ms. Waldron noted a potential problem with training instructors and Ms. Cox provided input. Members decided to combine rules 5.3.1.3 and 5.3.1.4 to allow potential instructors to take and observe the course at the same time and then to teach a component of the core curriculum and module to demonstrate teaching ability. Question 11 on the FAQs was revised to reflect the same language in the rules. Dr. Zickafoose will update the FAQs and Section 5 Rules and email to committee members for review.

Stakeholder Outreach- DPR Legislation Update

Dr. Zickafoose reported that the bill was approved and Mr. Mangler has submitted it to a potential sponsor.

DOE Regulation Update

The DOE regulations are complete and Ms. Wolfe shared the educational materials for implementation. Ms. Tyranski forwarded the email to committee members for their review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Medical Marijuana

Members discussed how, if at all, this would affect the LLAM program. Ms. Peterson commented that medical marijuana is still illegal federally and no facilities are permitted to use this if federally funded. Different forms of the medical marijuana were discussed such as oils, brownies, creams, etc. which are all illegal. It was noted the pill form called *Marinol* is FDA approved so it is legal. Other regulations for administration were discussed and limitations were noted that could potentially affect staffing in many facilities. After further discussion, members agreed to include a rule that only FDA drugs can be administered by LLAM trained UAPs. Dr. Zickafoose will add this to the draft rules.

**OTHER BUSINESS before the committee (for discussion only): None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Ms. Tallman stated she wanted to reinforce the importance of our work saying a big piece with the DOE was done. However, this effort needs to culminate in the passage of the LLAM bill. She questioned how soon the bill would be introduced, when training and modules would be done, and if she could have a copy of the DOE educational materials. Members replied we did not know when it would be introduced as it was dependent on the sponsor, modules would follow passage of the bill, and they suggested she contact Ms. Wolfe for the materials.

**NEXT MEETING- June 2, 2015 at 3:30 PM Conference Room B, Cannon Building.**

**ADJOURNMENT-** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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